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Hennepin County, Minnesota
Minutes
Park and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioners present: Chair Wolfe, McGlasson, Sobiech, Stang, Mehlhoff and Vogel.
Commissioners absent: Rogne

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Amundsen

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Wolfe added Forming a Garden Club to Administer the Community Gardens to new business 5(b). Commissioner Stang moved, Commissioner Vogel seconded, to approve the agenda as presented, Carries 5/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Commissioner Stang moved, Commissioner Vogel seconded, to approve the Minutes from the April 13th PNR Commission Meeting. Carries 5/0.

4. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS

a) Resident Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, commented on the City Council work session, a budget for the PNR Commission, and the kayak racks.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) Skateboard Park Proposal

Brian Hanssen, 2 Maclynn Road, discussed his proposal to install a skateboard park. Monica Hanssen proposed to have the PNR approve and help fund a skateboard park. They have started a group called the Excelsior Lake Minnetonka Skateboard club. 250 people were polled on Nextdoor and 85% supported a skate park. Monica and Brian Hanssen propose forming a skateboard project committee to help develop the project and the proposed location is in Studer Park.

The Commission asked for funding mechanisms and how it would be paid for. The Commission asked for more details and asked Superintendent Amundsen to investigate whether the remediation efforts in the past would allow for a concrete slab to be poured at Studer Park.

b) Forming a Garden Club to Administer the Community Gardens

Chair Wolfe discussed the proposal to have a Garden Club oversee the administration of the plots since the City has been interested for a number of years in doing so. The Garden Club would look to take over workload from the City and figure out the best path forward

for the City and the gardeners. The PNR Commission recommended forming an informal committee at the gardens. The Commission needs to understand the appetite of what a club/committee would be willing to take on and where the City would meet in the middle and what would be needed from the Commission as support.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Goals for 2021

The Commission discussed the joint work session. Topics included the Gazebo, Studer Park, and the Cemetery.

7) VERBAL REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Electrical boxes: no action taken

b) Eagle scout projects: no action taken

8. UPDATES/INFORMATION:

a) Community Garden Plots and Garden Plot Committee; no action taken.

b) Adopt-a-Seat and Adopt-a-Tree Programs; no action taken.

c) Ice Rinks at The Commons Ballfield; no action taken.

d) Concerts in the Park/Bandshell Update/Concession Stand PAC; Superintendent Amundsen and Chair Wolfe provided up on the Fanfare for The Commons/Pavilion event and recent progress.

e) Maintenance Log; no action taken.

f) Discussion on Port Bell; no action taken.

g) Studer Park: Discussed; no action taken.

h) Gazebo/Mitten Pond; no action taken.

9. MONTHLY FINANCIALS:

a) None

10. MISCELLANEOUS/ COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

a) Recent Council Action: no action taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Stang to adjourn, seconded by Vogel. Carries 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim J. Amundsen

Item: 3- Excelsior Studer Park and The Commons Walkthrough

Date: July 13, 2021

From: Tim Amundsen PW Superintendent

Action: None

Staff is requesting that the Commission meet onsite at Excelsior Studer Park to conduct a walkthrough of the Community Gardens and adjacent parkland. Following the meeting at Excelsior Studer Park, the Commission will proceed to The Commons for a walkthrough. Items to be discussed at both parks include the following:

Excelsior Studer Park:

1) Observe the condition of the Community Gardens.

-What can be done to improve conditions?

-What enhancements can be made?

-What changes to the Community Garden policy need to be made? How should the City help to implement the Community Garden Club Committee/Club?

2) Discuss the condition of the rest of the park. Also discuss future uses for the park such as the proposed skate park and other ideas for the green space adjacent to the Community Gardens.

The Commons:

1) Observe the condition of The Commons.

-What can be done to improve conditions?

-What enhancements can be made?

-What enhancements need to be included in the Budget/Capital Improvement Plan?
(I.E. should the tennis courts be resurfaced? Playground equipment replaced?)

2) Look at the work done this past year to include the new Pavilion, Adopt-A-Gardens, and the Great River Greening project.

3) Discuss the minor projects to be conducted at the east and west knolls. This includes the past proposed idea for the potential addition of a picnic area at the west knoll.

Please meet onsite at Excelsior Studer Park at 6:00 PM. If there is inclement weather, please proceed to the City Council Chambers for discussion of these items.